

In Memoriam



Elpidio Quirino

Born: NOVEMBER 16, 1890

Died: FEBRUARY 29, 1956

By the President of the Philippines

PROCLAMATION No. 269

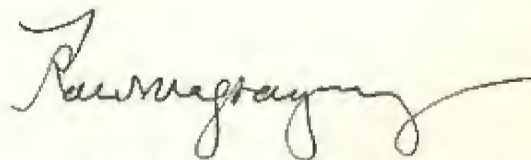
**DECLARING A PERIOD OF NATIONAL MOURNING OVER THE DEATH
OF FORMER PRESIDENT ELPIDIO QUIRINO**

WHEREAS, the sudden death of former President ELPIDIO QUIRINO on February 29, 1956, is a great loss to our people and has caused deep sorrow among them;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAMON MAGSAYSAY, President of the Philippines, do hereby proclaim the period from March first to fifteenth, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, as a period of national mourning for our beloved former President. During this period, flags of all government buildings and installations throughout the Philippines shall be flown at half-mast.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 1st day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the tenth.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ramon Magsaysay', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

President of the Philippines

By the President:

FORTUNATO DE LEON
Acting Executive Secretary

By the President of the Philippines

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 181

CREATING A COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS AND BURIAL OF FORMER PRESIDENT ELPIDIO QUIRINO.

WHEREAS, former President ELPIDIO QUIRINO passed away unexpectedly on the twenty-ninth day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-six; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that adequate arrangements be made for the holding of official necrological services and a state funeral for our former President, commensurate with the people's love and respect for him with the great debt of gratitude that they owe him;

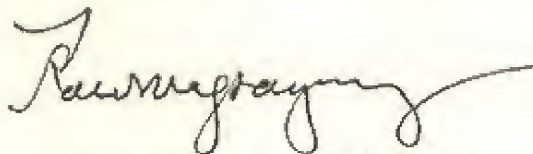
Now, THEREFORE, I, RAMON MAGSAYSAY, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a Committee on Funeral Arrangements and Burial, composed of the following:

Executive Secretary FORTUNATO DE LEON, *Chairman*

MEMBERS

Senator FERNANDO LOPEZ
Senator QUINTIN PAREDES
Speaker Protempore DANIEL ROMUALDEZ
Secretary GREGORIO HERNANDEZ, Jr.
Secretary EULOGIO BALAO
Justice ALEJO LABRADOR
Congressman EUGENIO PEREZ
Mayor ARSENIO H. LACSON
Governor PEDRO SINGSON-REYES
Hon. JOSE YULO
Hon. JOAQUIN M. ELIZALDE
Hon. TEODORO EVANGELISTA
Ex-Governor ELISEO QUIRINO
Assistant Executive Secretary ENRIQUE C. QUEMA
Mr. MANUEL G. ZAMORA

Done in the City of Manila, this 1st day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the tenth.



President of the Philippines

By the President:

FORTUNATO DE LEON
Acting Executive Secretary

Biography of the late President Quirino



ELPIDIO QUIRINO, lawyer, orator, legislator, economist, diplomat and statesman, was born on November 16, 1890 in Vigan, Ilocos Sur, being the third among the nine children of Mariano Quirino and Gregoria Rivera.

Elpidio received the rudiments of education from his parents; later he was sent to the private school of Maestro Anastacio Aquino of Aringay, La Union. Subsequently, he entered the Aringay public school, the San Fernando provincial school, and the Vigan high school where he completed his first year. He also enrolled in painting and drawing in the Universidad Ilocana. In April, 1908, he came to Manila to attend the Manila High School, partially supporting himself by sketching, and illustrating for a couple of publications while an elder brother aided him. It was here that he learned his rules of discussion and debate, heading the Cryptia Debating Club, traditional opponent of the Rizal Debating Club led by Manuel Roxas. Graduating in April, 1911, he enrolled in the College of Law, University of the Philippines, where he obtained his Bachelor of Laws in March, 1915. He passed the bar examination in the same year; was admitted to practice in the United States District Court of China in 1921, and to the Federal Supreme Court in 1934.

While a student in Vigan, he accepted a teaching position in one of the barrio schools, and, later, while a student in Manila he successively became junior computer in the Bureau of Lands, clerk in the principal's office of the Manila High School, and property clerk in the Department of Police, Manila. Immediately after his admission to the bar he became a law clerk, Philippine Commission, and later in the Philippine Senate. He was Secretary to the President of the Senate, 1917-1919, then resigned to launch his candidacy for membership in the lower house. He won and served as Representative from the First District of Ilocos Sur, 1919-1922; became a delegate of the House of Representatives to the International Bar Conference in Peking, China, 1921; Senator from the First Senatorial District, 1925-1931; re-elected to the Senate from the same district; 1931-1935. Then he became delegate to the Constitutional Convention, 1934-1935; Secretary of Finance under Governor-General Frank Murphy, 1934-1935; first Secretary of Finance under the Commonwealth Government, 1935-1936; Secretary of the Interior, 1936-1938; and elected Senator-at-large in 1941. Following the liberation of the Philippines, he was elected President *Pro tempore* of the Philippine Senate in 1945.

As a member of the Senate before the establishment of the Commonwealth Government, he was Chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Taxation; Senate Majority floor leader and Chairman of the Committees on Rules, Accounts, Elections and Privileges, and Public Instruction. He was a ranking member of the last Independence Mission to the United States

headed by Manuel Quezon which secured the passage of the Tydings-McDuffie Independence Law in 1934. As member of the Constitutional Convention, Elpidio Quirino was responsible for breaking the long deadlock on the question of whether or not the constitution being drafted was also going to become the constitution of the future republic. He advocated that the matter be left to the people and the leaders of the republic. He also was instrumental in defeating the Singson Encarnacion proposal that the constitution adopt the freehold system in regard to mineral lands. As a legislator he sponsored the revision and codification of the scattered laws on elections, and of the motor vehicle laws; initiated a major revision of the laws on tariff and taxation; fathered the law creating the Junior College of Vigan, Ilocos Sur; conceived the first Land Colonization Act which became the pattern of the Commonwealth Land Settlement Act; and drafted the law on national defense with the assistance of Colonels Ord and Eisenhower, then assistants of General MacArthur.

While in the Cabinet, he was Chairman of the National Information Board, the National Relief Board, the National Radio Board, the Board of Trustees of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes, and the Special Interdepartment Trade Committee. As Secretary of Finance, he advocated the creation of the National Loan and Investment Board and the National Economic Council. As Secretary of the Interior, he advocated the conversion of thickly populated and progressive barrios into municipalities, and of municipalities into cities. The new cities organized during his incumbency were Cebu, Iloilo, Zamboanga, Davao, and Bacolod. He sponsored the organization of the State Police and the organization of the Office of the Commissioner for Mindanao and Sulu, the latter to bring the National Government closer to the Mohammedan Filipinos. He was responsible for the creation of the National Information Board for the purpose of informing the masses of the people about the Government and what it was doing for them and, at the same time, of knowing the problems of the people. As secretary of the interior, he adopted the policy of visiting the provinces and the rural communities pursuant to a policy of bringing the Government closer to the people, and the people closer to the Government.

Before his return to the Senate in 1941, he was Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Development Company and several of its subsidiaries. At intervals while not serving the Government in any official capacity he practiced law and taught in various colleges and universities in Manila. He was Dean of the Adamson College of Law before his election to the Senate in 1941. He was President of the Philippine Economic Association since this organization was founded in 1934.

Elpidio Quirino married Alicia Syquia daughter of Tomas Syquia and Concepcion Jimenez, on January 16, 1921, by whom five children were born: Tomas, Armando, Norma, Victoria, and Fe, the second, third, and fifth having been massacred together with their mother and other relations in the slaughter of South Manila in February, 1945.

Senator Elpidio Quirino was inducted into office as Vice President of the Philippines on May 28, 1946. He was appointed by President Roxas first as Secretary of Finance and later as Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

Vice President Quirino and Minister Nathaniel P. Davies were Chairmen of the Joint Executive Committee for the Inauguration of the Republic of the Philippines on July 4, 1946.

He took the oath of office as President of the Philippines before Acting Chief Justice Ricardo Paras on April 17, 1948, succeeding the late President Manuel Roxas, who passed away unexpectedly while visiting the Clark Field Air Base on April 15, 1948.

President Quirino made an official visit to the United States at the invitation of President Truman, leaving Manila on August 6 and returning from Washington D. C., on August 18, 1949, after a successful mission.

He was reelected President of the Philippines on November 8, 1949, serving until the end of his term on December 30, 1953.

He died of heart attack at 6:30 in the evening on February 29, 1956, in his home in Novaliches at the age of 65.



President Elpidio Quirino's Family



1 Armando, Mrs. Alicia Syquia-Quirino, 3 Victoria, 4 Norma, President Quirino and 5 Tomas. 6 Fe is not in the picture. Vicky and Tommy are the only ones living.

Last Meeting with Friends



Latest picture of ex-president Quirino, here shown with President Magsaysay and, in the background, Mrs. Moran, was taken in his hilltop home in Novaliches four days before his death on Feb. 29, 1956. Party was given by the former President for Ambassador Manuel V. Moran.

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PROGRAM

OF

**Necrological Services and
Funeral Ceremonies**

in honor of

His Excellency

Elpidio Quirino

Ex-President of the Philippines

**Schedule of Vigils While the Remains of the Late
ex-President Elpidio Quirino Lie in State at
the Ceremonial Hall, Malacañang**



Friday—March 2nd

- 3 to 5 p.m.—Vice President Carlos P. Garcia with Undersecretary Raul Manglapus, Ambassador Joaquin M. Elizalde and Felino Neri and the counsellors.
- 5 to 7 p.m.—Secretary Jaime Hernandez with Undersecretary Jose P. Trinidad and Messrs. Aurelio Montinola, Pio Pedrosa and Sixto Ortiz and the Directors of Bureaus and Heads of Offices under the Department of Finance.
- 7 to 9 p.m.—Secretary Pedro Tuason with Undersecretary Jesus G. Barrera, Messrs. Jose Bengzon, Oscar Castelo, Ceferino de los Santos, Roberto Gianzon, Juan Liwag and the Directors of Bureaus and Heads of Offices under the Department of Justice.
- 9 to 11 p.m.—Secretary Florencio Moreno with Undersecretary Rafael M. Contreras, Messrs. Sotero Baluyut, Pablo Lorenzo and Vicente Orosa and the Directors of Bureaus and Heads of Offices under the Department of Public Works and Communications.
- 11 to 12 Midnight—Malacañang Press Association.
- 12 to 1 a.m., March 3rd—The National Press Club.

Saturday—March 3rd

- 1 to 7 a.m.—Close friends and relatives of the late President.
- 7 to 9 a.m.—Secretary Fortunato de Leon, Assistant Executive Secretaries Enrique C. Quema, Mariano Yenko, Jr., Jose Samson and Messrs. Emilio Abello, Teodoro Evangelista, Marciano Roque, Jose P. de Leon and Directors of Bureaus and Heads of Offices under the Office of the President.
- 10 to 11 a.m.—Pontifical requiem mass.
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 4th—Secretary Gregorio Hernandez, Jr., with Undersecretary Martin Aguilar and Messrs. Prudencio Langcauon and Cecilio Putong and the Directors of Bureaus and Heads of Offices under the Department of Education.
- 1 to 3 p.m.—Secretary Eleuterio Adevosio with Undersecretary Agapito Braganza and Messrs. Jose Figueras, Primitivo Lovina and Aurelio Quitoriano and the Directors of Bureaus and Heads of Offices under the Department of Labor.

- 3 to 5 p.m.—Secretary Eulogio Balao with Undersecretary Jose M. Crisol, Senator Ruperto K. Kangleon and Mr. Teodosio Diño and the General Staff and the Directors of Bureaus and Heads of Offices under the Department of National Defense.
- 5 to 7 p.m.—Secretary Paulino Garcia with Undersecretary Rafael Tumbukon and Dr. Juan Salcedo, Jr., Dr. Regino Padua and the Directors of Bureaus and Offices under the Department of Health.
- 7 to 8 p.m.—Secretary Oscar Ledesma with Undersecretary Perfecto E. Laguio and Messrs. Cornelio Balmaceda, Saturnino R. Mendinueto and the Directors of Bureaus and Heads of Offices under the Department of Commerce and Industry.
- 8 to 9 p.m.—Secretary Juan de G. Rodriguez with Undersecretary Jaime Ferrer, Senator Fernando Lopez, Mr. Jose S. Camus and the Directors of Bureaus and Heads of Offices under the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.
- 9 to 10 p.m.—Deputy Administrator of the Office of Economic Coordination Juan Concon with Senator M. Jesus Cuenco, Messrs. Salvador Araneta, Sergio Osmeña, Jr., Gregorio Licaros and Managers of Government Owned or Controlled Corporations.
- 10 to 11 p.m.—Mrs. Amparo P. Villamor with Mrs. Asuncion A. Perez and ranking officials of the Social Welfare Administration.
- 11 to 12 p.m.—Commissioner Dominador Aytona with Deputy Commissioner Faustino Sy-Changco, Dr. Pio Joven and ranking officials of the Budget Commission.

Sunday—March 4th

- 12 to 1 a.m.—Press Secretary J. V. Cruz with Messrs. Juan C. Orendain, Vicente Albano Pacis, Baldomero T. Olivera, Antonio Arizabal, Guillermo V. Sison and Staff of the Malacañang Press Office.
- 1 to 7 a.m.—Former Aides-de-Camp, private secretaries and other close associates of the ex-President.
- 7 to 9 a.m.—Mass under the auspices of the Province of Ilocos Sur to be said by Auxiliary Bishop Juan C. Sison of Nueva Segovia.



**Funeral Arrangements for the late ex-President Quirino as
Submitted and Approved by the Immediate Members of
the Family and the Committee on Funeral
Arrangements and Burial**



Friday, March 2nd, 1:30 p.m.

The remains of the late ex-President Quirino will be transferred from Novaliches to Malacañang to lie in state at the Ceremonial Hall from 3:00 p.m. Former members of the late ex-President Quirino's Cabinet will stand vigil over the remains. The public will be admitted to pay homage to the late ex-President.

Saturday, March 3rd, 10:00 a.m.

Pontifical Requiem Mass at Malacañang will be said by His Excellency Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, D.D., Apostolic Nuncio. The President, Vice-President, Senate President, Speaker, the Chief Justice, Cabinet members, heads of diplomatic missions, Senators and Congressmen, Justices of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, judges and relatives and close friends of the late ex-President, and their ladies will be present at the Mass. After the Mass, the public will be admitted to view the remains of the late ex-President.

Sunday, March 4th, 8:00 a.m.

Requiem Mass under the auspices of the Province of Ilocos Sur will be said by Auxiliary Bishop Juan C. Sison of Nueva Segovia. After the Mass the remains of the late ex-President will be transferred to the Session Hall of the House of Representatives where it will lie in state until the funeral. The public will be admitted to pay homage to the late ex-President.

Monday, March 5th, 9:00 a.m.

Necrological services in the Session Hall of the House of Representatives.

Program of Necrological Services

in the Session Hall, House of Representatives

Monday, March 5, 1956, 9:00 A. M.



- I. IN MEMORIAM—Op. 62, No. 2 ----- *Buenaventura*
Philippine Constabulary Concert Orchestra
- II. INVOCATION ----- Mons. HERNANDO ANTIPORDA, D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop of Manila
- III. ORATION ----- Representative DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL
- IV. ORATION ----- Senator PEDRO SABIDO
- V. "AVE MARIA" ----- *Santiago*
Mrs. LOURDES CORRALES RAZON accompanied by the
Philippine Constabulary Concert Orchestra
- VI. ORATION ----- President RAMON MAGSAYSAY
- VII. "NEARER MY GOD TO THEE" ----- *L. Mason*
The Philippine Constabulary Concert Orchestra

The state funeral will start immediately after the necrological services, stopping at the San Marcelino church for funeral services

The route of the funeral is as follows: Congress, Taft Avenue, Ayala Boulevard, San Marcelino, stopping at San Marcelino church. After the blessing, San Marcelino, Isaac Peral, Taft Avenue, Buendia, Pasong Tamo, Vito Cruz Extension, South Cemetery at Makati.



Order of the Funeral Procession



FROM HILLTOP, NOVALICHES TO MALACAÑANG

(Friday, March 2nd, 1956, 1:30 p. m.)

ROUTE:

Novaliches Road

Highway 54

Aurora Boulevard

Santa Mesa Boulevard

Aviles

Motor Cycle Escort

Quezon City Police Department

Manila Police Department

Camp Murphy Band

Composite Battalion

The Hearse

Family of the late ex-President Elpidio Quirino

Chairman and Members of the Committee on Funeral Arrangements and Burial

Friends of the late ex-President Elpidio Quirino

At the Santa Mesa Rotonda (Carriedo Fountain), the Composite Battalion will dismount and march to Malacañang. The Presidential Guard Battalion will render full honors upon arrival of the Hearse at Malacañang Gate No. 2.

FROM MALACAÑANG TO THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING

(Sunday, March 4th, 1956, 9:00 a. m.)

ROUTE:

Aviles

Gral. Solano

Ayala Bridge

Ayala Boulevard

Concepcion

P. Burgos

Motor Cycle Escort

Manila Police Department

Philippine Constabulary Band

Presidential Guard Battalion

The Hearse

The Family of the late ex-President Elpidio Quirino

Chairman and Members, Committee on Funeral Arrangements and Burial

Friends of the late ex-President Elpidio Quirino

FROM THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING TO THE SOUTH CEMETERY

*(Monday, March 5th, 1956, immediately after Necrological
Services which will start at 9:00 a. m.)*

ROUTE:

Taft Avenue
Ayala Boulevard
San Marcelino
San Marcelino Church
San Marcelino
Isaac Peral
Taft Avenue
Buendia
Pasong Tamo
Vito Cruz Extension
South Cemetery

ORDER OF FUNERAL PROCESSION

Motor Cycle Escort

Manila Police Department
Quezon City Police Department
Pasay City Police Department

Mobile Patrol

Manila Police Department
Pasay City Police Department
Quezon City Police Department

One Company of Manila Police Department

Military Escort Commander and Staff

Camp Murphy Band

Regimental Commander and Staff

Composite Regiment

Presidential Guard Battalion

Chaplain

Scout Car pulling CAISSON

CAISSON

The President of the Philippines

Immediate Members of the Family of the late ex-President

The Vice President of the Philippines

Former Presidents of the Philippines

The President of the Senate

The Speaker of the House of Representatives

ORDER OF FUNERAL PROCESSION—(Continued)



Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court
Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and Heads of Diplomatic Missions
Members of the Senate
Members of the House of Representatives
Members of the Cabinet
Presiding Justice and Associate Justices, Court of Appeals
Undersecretaries of Department
City Mayor of Manila
Vice Mayor of Manila
Members of the Manila Municipal Board
National Committee On Funeral Arrangements
Members of the Cabinet of the late ex-President Elpidio Quirino
Consular Corps
Governor and Delegation from Ilocos Sur
Governors, City Mayors, Provincial and City Delegations
Heads of the Armed Forces of the Philippines
Other relatives and close associates of the late ex-President
Bureau Directors and Managers of Government-Owned or Controlled Corporations
Veterans and Labor Organizations
Popular Representation



**List of Honorary Pall Bearers and their designated places
as prepared by the Committee on Funeral Arrangements
and Burial of Former President Elpidio Quirino**



- I. Congress Session Hall to the Caisson
 - The President
 - The Vice President
 - The Senate President
 - The Speaker of the House of Representatives
 - The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
 - The Members of the Cabinet
- II. Congress to Taft Avenue-Ayala Boulevard
 - Members of the Senate
 - Members of the House of Representatives
- III. Ayala-Taft to Ayala Boulevard-San Marcelino
 - Associate Justices of the Supreme Court
- IV. San Marcelino-Ayala to San Marcelino Church
 - Heads of Diplomatic Corps in the Philippines
- V. San Marcelino Church to San Marcelino-Isaac Peral
 - Presiding Justice and Justices of the Court of Appeals
- VI. Isaac Peral-San Marcelino to Isaac Peral-Taft
 - Undersecretaries of Departments, Commissioners, and officials of the same rank
- VII. Isaac Peral-Taft to Padre Faura
 - City Mayor of Manila
 - Vice Mayor
 - Members of the Municipal Board
- VIII. Padre Faura to Vermont Street
 - Consular Corps in the Philippines
- IX. Vermont to Tennessee
 - Judges of the—
 - Courts of First Instance
 - Court of Industrial Relations
 - Court of Tax Appeals
 - Court of Agrarian Relations

X. Tennessee to Remedios

Officers and Members of the National Press Club

XI. Remedios to San Andres

Ranking officials of—

The Office of the President and offices under it

The Department of Foreign Affairs

XII. San Andres to Vito Cruz Street

Ranking officials of the Department of—

Finance

Justice

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Public Works and Communications

XIII. Vito Cruz Street to Caltex Station

Bureau Directors and Heads of the Departments of—

Education

Labor

National Defense

Health

Commerce and Industry

General Auditing Office

XIV. Caltex Station to Shell Station

Board of Regents

Deans of the University of the Philippines

Officers of the Alumni Association of the University of the
Philippines

XV. Shell Station to Taft Avenue —Buendia Street

Heads of Private Universities and Colleges and other Educational
Institutions

XVI. Buendia Street—Taft Avenue to Boundary Makati

Provincial Governors and City Mayors now in Manila.

XVII. Boundary Makati to Dian Street—Buendia Street

Office of Economic Coordination

Managers of Government-Owned or Controlled Corporations

XVIII. Dian Street—Buendia Street to Railroad Crossing

Ranking Officials of—

The Central Bank

The Rehabilitation Finance Corporation

The Philippine National Bank

XIX. Railroad Crossing to Pasong Tamo—Buendia Street

Officers of various Women's Organizations

XX. Pasong Tamo to Commonwealth Foods Inc.

Officers of the—

Rotary Club

Manila Lions Club

Junior Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines

XXI. Commonwealth Foods Inc. to Bagtican Street

Officers of—

Veterans Organizations

Gold Star Mothers

War Widows

XXII. Bagtican to Kamagong

Officers of Labor Organizations

XXIII. Kamagong to Manlo Enterprises Inc.

Officers of various Chambers of Commerce

XIV. Manlo Enterprises Inc. to Cemetery Gate

Former Members of the Quirino Cabinet

Former Aides, private secretaries, staff members and close associates of the late ex-President.

XXV. Cemetery Gate to Tomb

Close Relatives of the late ex-President

Pall bearers should be waiting at their assigned sections ready to relieve the preceding pall bearers as indicated in the aforementioned schedule. They are requested to wear white suit with black arm band, or Barong Tagalog with black arm band, if possible.

Committee on Funeral Arrangements and Burial

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Mr. GUILLERMO V. SISON, *Chairman*

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